

MINUTES  
**HOUSE JUDICIARY, RULES & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, February 01, 2021

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Chaney, Vice Chairman Hartgen, Representatives Kerby, Amador, Ehardt, Scott, Marshall, Troy, Young, Nate, Cannon, Erickson, Skaug, Gannon, McCrostie, Ruchti, Nash

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** Kyle Shockey, Helpful Solutions Inc.

**Chairman Chaney** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**Jared Hoskins**, Principle Budget and Policy Analyst at the Legislative Services Office explained the dimensions of budgeting and budget and decision unit time lines. He demonstrated to the committee how to locate budget information on the legislative website and how to view items of interest for each agency.

**Josh Tewalt**, Director of the Idaho Department of Correction (IDOC) presented the Agency's budget. The total IDOC budget request for fiscal year 2022 is a little over \$309 million dollars. IDOC employs over 2,000 employees which accounts for nearly half the budget. The Agency is structured in seven different budget areas or programs which include: Management Services, State Prisons, County & out of state, Community Alternative Placement Program (CAPP), Community Corrections, Community based treatment, Medical Services, and funding is allocated within those programs. The budget increases requested are the smallest increases requested in a decade. The Director responded to Committee questions about medical expenses, out of state prisons, inmate family communication costs, any predictions of inmate admission backlogs connected to the Court COVID related back ups, County inmate backups, and the difference between storing inmates in state vs out of state. The Director also provided a COVID update, explaining everything from the electronic improvements made to allow for non-contact continued inmate programming to the over 22,000 COVID tests conducted on inmates in custody. He explained the concept of safely reducing inmate population through diversion, de-carceration and timely release and he covered the Building Idaho's Future proposed investments.

**Colonel Kedrick Wills**, Director of the Idaho State Police (ISP) presented the Agency's budget. The 2022 budget request is 85 million dollars and all funds are appropriated by the legislature. Additionally he explained the supplemental budgets requests and the corona virus spending.

**RS 28269:** **Rep. Nate** presented **RS 28269** pertaining to the Reasonable Child Independence Act. The bill allows parents to feel more comfortable about their kids having reasonable childhood independent activities that should not be considered neglect. It supports parents in allowing kids to have normal childhood activities and takes some of the investigation burden off Child Protective Services.

**MOTION:** Rep. Kerby made a motion to introduce **RS 28269. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

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Representative Chaney  
Chair

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Andrea Blades  
Secretary